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FORMING A TEAR LINE IN AN
AIRBAG COVER, AND THE
COVER THEREOF

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the nonprovisional
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Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

This is a continuation of International Application PCT/DE00/00554 having an international filing date of February 22, 2000. This international application was not published in English, but in German as WO 00/51851.

Enclosed are:

- Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (13 pages).
- Formal drawings (6 sheets, Figures 1-8).
- Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- Assignment of the invention to TAKATA - PETRI AG.
- Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- Small Entity statement.
- Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Form PTO-1449 with copies of _____ listed reference(s).
- Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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